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The Sedition Trial

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OFFICIAL WASHINGTON has become conscious, the last few months, of growing public demand for the prosecution of America's New Deal "war criminals."

True, there have been Congressional investigations. Senator Ferguson of Michigan has rendered useful service and gained the reputation of being an investigator. But the average Senator or Representative will tell you, if he is honest, that he knows the people want something more than "talk."

They are outraged by disclosures that have come to light since the close of the war. Nothing short of indictments will satisfy them, as a safeguard against enemies of the Republic acquiring office and abusing their powers.

The war-time Mass Sedition Trial, launched by New Deal sadists, is now regarded as one of the two most colossal frauds ever perpetrated in American judicial history.

After indictments had been kept hanging over the heads of some 30 innocent people, more than five years, an honest jurist finally dismissed the Case and called it "a travesty on justice." As far as can be learned, Attorney General Tom Clark never raised a finger to correct the injustice. In fact, he served as Francis Biddle's assistant when the crime was being organized.

It is significant that within the last two months, an organization, nation-wide in scope, has been formed with headquarters at Washington, to cooperate in bringing American "war criminals" to book. The name of the new organization is "Justice For New Deal Victims Committee." Those who promoted the Sedition Case, are said to be at the top of the list, for attention.

This Committee, of which the writer has the honor to be a member, carried its claims to the Republican National Convention, at Philadelphia. It was assisted by such noted leaders as General Robert Wood, former America First head . . .

and Colonel Robert McCormick, editor of the "Chicago Tribune" and others.

Charles A. Beard, America's foremost historian, gave the Committee his endorsement and wrote Ellis O. Jones, its secretary, that he "would cooperate actively were I not engrossed in further historical examination of Roosevelt's war policy."

Simultaneously with the opening of the Republican Convention at Philadelphia, an editorial appeared in the "Chicago Tribune," which said in part:

"Charles A. Beard, the historian, has recommended to the Republican national convention a platform plank that would call for legislative, executive and judicial investigation of the notorious Mass Sedition Trial prosecuted by the Roosevelt administration.

"The Republican convention should pledge the party to investigate the sedition scandal. It should go further, however, and also pledge a complete re-examination of the federal law of conspiracy, to the end that it shall not again be made such an instrument of evil."

Our Committee was careful to see that the memory of every delegate to the Convention was refreshed, regarding the viciousness of the Sedition Trial. This was done by personal conversations and the distribution of literature.

James J. Laughlin, one of Washington's outstanding attorneys, was invited

to appear before Republican Platform Committee, to discuss the advisability of including a plank that would commit the Party to the policy suggested by Mr. Beard and the "Chicago Tribune." He was given a most courteous reception.

While those entrusted with responsibility for shaping the platform, did not feel that the subject was directly appropriate as a plank, yet considerable unofficial sentiment favored the proposal.

Mr. Laughlin's address, delivered at Convention Hall, Philadelphia, is of such historical importance, that we have decided to include its entire text with this article.

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Mr. Laughlin said:

The Republican Party, in its 1944 National Convention, adopted the following in its platform:

"In this time of confusion and strife, when moral values are being crushed on every side, we pledge ourselves to uphold with all our strength the Bill of Rights, the Constitution and the law of the land. We so pledge ourselves that the American tradition may stand forever as a beacon light of civilization."

The platform framers at that time undoubtedly had in mind the widespread assaults made upon personal liberty and civil rights of American citizens at the hands of the New Deal administration. It was apparent to all right-thinking persons that the action of the administration in punishing persons solely because they opposed the foreign policies of the New Deal administration, in maneuvering us into war while pledging peace, has now been definitely established by the distinguished historian, Charles A. Beard, in his volume entitled, "Roosevelt and the Coming of War — 1941."

The disgraceful spectacle of the Mass Sedition Trial under the Roosevelt administration, represented a shocking and revolting episode in law enforcement. In a politically motivated frame-up, some 30

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Genghis Khan Rides Again

A Defender Hour Broadcast By Dr. Gerald B. Winrod

GOOD EVENING, ladies and gentlemen.

Soviet Russia has stolen 195,000 square miles of the earth's surface from other countries since the close of the last war. She has at the same time, and in the same land area, taken control of 25-million human beings. One western European nation after another has fallen victim to these invaders who have swept in from the East.

History repeats itself. The present Communist assault upon the nations of the West parallels the invasion of the Mongols, seven hundred years ago, as they pushed in upon the peoples of Europe.

One man swept out of Central Asia with 200,000 armed horsemen and almost succeeded in conquering the world. His name was Genghis Khan. He moved across Russia, took the Baltic countries, conquered Poland, cut deep into Germany and pushed as far west as Hungary.

Genghis Khan wiped whole cities from the face of the earth. He plundered nations. He slaughtered millions. He wrecked the existing order of civilization.

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There is a striking parallelism between this twelfth century invasion and that of the twentieth century by the Communists. Let me illustrate what I mean:

Genghis Khan made it a rule to establish a fifth column inside every city that he marked for attack. He would come bearing gifts. He was a master in the art of flattery.

He would keep his army of tribesmen in the background, far in the distance. Then he would send rich gifts — gold, silk, jade, robes of white camel hair, beautiful horses and such things, to the ruler of some walled city which he intended to take.

Friendly conditions were thereby created. Then he would send other representatives, expressing a desire to set up trade relations between his people and those of the doomed city. The rulers would invariably fall for the trap.

By this means the caravans of Genghis Khan would gain free access to the city. While the traders were transacting

business, spies would go over the place, examining the walls and studying the fortifications. By this means they were able to determine which of the city gates offered the best approach.

These spies would have ample opportunity for searching out public office-holders and bribing them. Such betrayers were in turn given signs and symbols, by which they could make their identity known and be spared when the invaders arrived.

These are exactly the methods being used by the Communists today. Genghis Khan always had a fifth column working and waiting for him, on the inside of every city he attacked.

Then at a pre-arranged moment, in the dead of night, the sound of a trumpet would be heard in the distance. Those on the inside would quickly form themselves into bands. They would rush to one or more of the gates and throw them open. The invaders would come in.

It is a paradox of history that the international Communist Party should be using the same plan today that Genghis Khan—whom historians call "the destroyer of nations," used back in the twelfth century.

Now let us see how these methods are being applied to modern times. Just how do the Communists carry on their work,

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inside the walls of the nation that Moscow marks for destruction?

The answer may be stated in the form of four operations. First, "Operation Patriotism." Second, "Operation Infiltration." Third, "Operation Smear." And fourth, "Operation Chaos."

The first step is "Operation Patriotism." It consists in identifying the Communist Party with nationalistic patriotism rather than internationalism. National heroes whom the Communists in reality despise, are praised through mockery. In the United States they appropriate such names as Washington, Lincoln and Jefferson.

In France they celebrate the anniversary of Joan of Arc. During the Spanish civil war they recruited American boys and shipped them across the ocean in the name of the "Abraham Lincoln Brigade."

The Communists know that the average man is patriotic and sensitive to national glory. So they try to drape their program in the folds of his flag.

The second step may be called, "Operation Infiltration." Members of the Communist Party are given special courses of training, to become members of respectable organizations. They call this infiltration. Once they gain a foothold in a civic, religious, educational, patriotic or political organization, they start pulling strings to get themselves elected to some office of trust and responsibility.

Before long, they have control. In the countries of Europe, the Social Democrats built up a number of powerful workers' organizations — unions, youth movements, women's organizations and the like. The Communists found it possible to infiltrate many of these groups.

A conference of 8,000 labor delegates was called in the city of Prague on the day that Moscow set for the de-

struction of the government of Czechoslovakia.

The third step may be called, "Operation Smear." This phase of the Soviet plan is designed to destroy leaders who are known to be opposed to Communism.

During "Operation Infiltration," the Communists show a generous disposition to get along with everybody. But during "Operation Smear," they start knocking down their opponents by use of the poison pen.

They are careful to place henchmen in newspaper offices, publishing houses, radio stations and motion picture organizations. By this means they are able to deposit poison words, attacking and thereby smearing the characters of men and women who reject Communism. Many a good man and many a patriotic citizen has been ruined by lies, originating from Communist sources through "Operation Smear."

The fourth and final step may be termed, "Operation Chaos." All Communist activity moves toward one objective—namely, physical revolution and mob violence.

Every informed person, who has courage to face the facts, knows that the government of the United States and the liberties of the American people, are in grave danger. If the red conspiracy reaches fruition in the United States, as in other countries, it will be possible to state the reason in one word . . . the word "apathy."

It will be because the American people lack moral and spiritual resistance to stir themselves. There is a fifth column operating in our Country. And the time has come to smash it!

The time has come for united Christian action. The time has come to mobilize the moral, religious and patriotic forces of our Nation.

The time has come to drive every Communist sympathizer out of the legislative

halls of the United States. The time has come to remove every Communist stooge from the public payroll.

The time has come to disarm every left-wing newspaper writer of his reading public. The time has come to disarm every sly, slippery radio commentator who mixes Communist propaganda with news, of his listening public. The time has come to purge the silver screen of degrading influences that tend to weaken moral and spiritual resistance to the Communist menace. And the time has come to declare vacant every pulpit where the occupant desecrates its sacred enclosures by expounding left-wing radicalism and communistic propaganda.

Today the frontiers of Asia are again in Central Europe. The motives that drove the Mongols forward on errands of destruction were no more vicious than the motives that animate the men of the Kremlin, and their henchmen in the United States, today.

Genghis Khan rides again! His steed is the red horse of the Apocalypse.

Two mighty philosophies are pitted against one another at the present time. Out of the East comes atheistic totalitarianism. Out of the West comes Christian culture. The Communists are determined that the Christian religion shall be uprooted. There can be no compromise in this conflict.

HEZEKIAH

Rev. D. C. Ritchie

A SUITABLE title for a sermon on the life of good King Hezekiah would be "A Blueprint for Economic Recovery," for by righteous rule he lifted his nation, that had been wasted by wars, to great prosperity.

It is said of him that "he wrought that which was good and right and truth before the Lord His God." A study of his methods might prove helpful at the present time, when all nations are seeking to recover from economic chaos produced by two world wars.

Hezekiah came to the throne at the age of twenty-five, and in the first month of his first year he "opened the doors of the house of the Lord, and repaired them." He realized that the first requisite of prosperity was obedience to the laws of God. He encouraged a revival of true religion according to the laws of Moses.

The people as a whole responded to Hezekiah's appeals to restore the ordi-

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nances of religion, although some of his messengers were mocked by thoughtless people of the northern kingdom.

As a result of the revival of true religion, idolatry was abolished and moral corruption and waste, which are the fruits of false religion, were eliminated. The resources of the nation began to flow in proper channels of trade. Great treasures and storehouses had to be made to care for the wealth of gold, silver, jewels, armaments and agricultural products.

Obedience to the laws of God corrected social conditions and the economic life of the nation.

Today we do not obey the ceremonial laws of Moses, for the sacrifice of Christ fulfilled them all. Faith in His atoning blood now brings pardon for sins committed against God and man, just as the animal sacrifices brought the remission of sins under the Mosaic law. The Son of God suffered death as a sinless sacrifice for the guilty souls of men, and all who believe on Him and repent of their sins are forgiven and made right in the sight of God.

Christ's perfect life is an example of obedience to all God's laws. He interpreted them into human experience, and

by following His example and teachings today, every human problem can be solved and the economic stability of nations can be made permanent.

The revival under King Hezekiah brought great joy to him and to the people. We are told that "the thing was done suddenly" (1 Chronicles 29:36). A sudden revival of pure worship of God today, is the formula for a quick return to national and world-wide abundance and prosperity.

Jesus Christ Was Neither Jew Nor Gentile

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NATIONALITY belongs to the realm of the finite. If nationality can be ascribed to the Lord Jesus Christ, then He was what those who crucified Him claimed — just a mere man.

Some believers and nearly all unbelievers say that He was a Jew. Others affirm that He was a Galilean Gentile. We reject the idea that the Son of God can be pulled down to the level of nationality. Call Him Irish, French, German, Japanese, Swedish, Italian, Negro, or any other race and our objection would be just as emphatic.

If Christ is God (and we know that He is), then He must transcend all racial boundaries.

We offer this treatise, not as the last word on the subject, but rather to stimulate study along lines which have been neglected by many. The views here expressed are substantially the same as those held by Bible teachers past and present, who have examined the evidence.

Most people who object, do so on the assumption that Christ could not have been a man without Mary being His mother in a natural way.

This is of course answered by the fact that Adam was a real man . . . and yet,



Dr. Herrstrom

who was Adam's mother? It is fitting that the *last* Adam, the antitype of the *first* Adam, should have also received His body in a supernatural way.

In I Corinthians 15:45 we read that, "The first man Adam was *made* a living soul." He derived his life from another, that is, God. "The last Adam

was made a quickening (life-giving) spirit." He was Himself the fountain of life for others.

How much more reasonable to suppose that under these circumstances, His body would be fashioned in a manner to completely transcend the limitations of human nationality!

If we say that Christ received His human nature from Mary, then we should remind ourselves that human beings can transmit to others only their own depraved natures. This would make Christ merely another human being.

My thesis simply contends for the supernatural in the birth of Christ.

Writing on the "Mystery of the Incarnation," Dr. W. S. Hottel says: "It was by the creative act of the Holy Spirit that our Lord received His human body."

"A NEW THING IN THE EARTH"

Christ at no time referred to Mary as His mother. There are no Scriptural grounds for calling her "the mother of Christ" or "the mother of God."

The body in which our Lord dwelt during His earthly career was "pre-

pared" by God, not Mary. Hebrews 10:5 leaves no doubt in this regard: "A body thou hast prepared me." No other man could make this claim except Adam.

Anticipating the virgin birth of Christ, the prophet Jeremiah said: "The Lord hath created a new thing in the earth. A woman shall compass a man."

Had Mary been the mother of Christ in the sense that nationalities give birth to their offspring, there would have been no "new thing." Christ would have been half human and half divine. He would have been a demigod. He would have possessed a fallen nature. Pagan religions claim deities that are mixtures of the human and divine.

These mythologies had their origin in antediluvian times when fallen spirit beings gained access to the earth plane. In Genesis 6:2 we read: "The sons of God (Nephilim) saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose."

This forbidden and illicit relationship, produced a hybrid offspring of beings that were part human and part celestial. Their evil was so great that it invited judgment and the earth was destroyed by the flood.

It would be the rankest blasphemy to try to reduce Christ to such a level, by saying that He was the offspring of God and Mary. Christians are not supposed to be pagans.

According to the Scriptures, the supernatural did not cease with conception. The creative work continued until the body of the Christ was completely "prepared." It was a new thing in the earth. When the time of parturition came, no doctor or midwife was necessary.

The body of Christ was a creation of God as truly as the body of Adam. He was therefore a "perfect" man, without the fallen nature of Adam's posterity. "Jesus the Son of God . . . was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."

This Scriptural teaching on the virgin birth, lifts Christ above the realm where He could be called a Jewish tribal god. It lifts him above the level of mere nationality. We cannot attribute nationality to God. That would be trying to reduce the Creator to a creature.

The virgin birth was not half natural and half supernatural. It was *supernatural*!

IS GOD A JEW?

The question . . . Is God a Jew? sounds ridiculous. Yet if we were to accept the testimony of some, the answer would be in the affirmative.

Many Christians thoughtlessly say that, "Jesus Christ was a Jew." The same people usually accept the fact of Christ's deity. Their statement is therefore tantamount to saying that God is a Jew.

A well-meaning religious editor recently said: "Salvation is through Jewish blood."

An evangelist who is accustomed to addressing large audiences, says: "If you are ever saved it will be because you trusted in the shed blood of a Jew."

A savage tribe in Africa, upon hearing about Christianity, originated a negro Christ.

Equally untenable is the view held by a certain school of Christians who insist that their God is Jewish.

A Jewish organization in the east purchased a full-page advertisement in a leading religious magazine soliciting funds. The substance of the appeal was that the public should send money to help the Jews because Christ was "born of a Jewish virgin, and no doubt Jewish in appearance."

The remark about Christ being Jewish in appearance has no foundation in fact.

In the same announcement another equally unscriptural statement appears. The Jews are spoken of as "the chosen of God and kinsmen of the Lord Jesus Christ, according to the flesh, and therefore entitled to the greatest sympathy and help at the hands of Christians." This may be good salesmanship but it is bad theology.

The following is from Romans 9:3, "For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh."

This is Paul's statement about himself. Nowhere in the Bible is such a statement made concerning Christ. Our Lord at no time referred to Jews as "my kinsmen according to the flesh." The advertiser is guilty of "handling the word of God deceitfully."

Regarding the "appearance" of Christ, a supposedly authentic pen portrait was written in a letter to the Roman Senate by Publius Len'tulus, a friend of Pontius Pilate.

Rev. Samuel J. Williams, Columbus, Ohio, after examining versions of the communication available in Latin, Italian and German, presents the following translation:

"A very extraordinary man is living in Palestine today. He is called the great prophet by the masses but His closest friends call Him the Son of God. He raises the dead and heals all manner of diseases. He is tall, erect and well proportioned. A marked serenity in His countenance attracts the love and reverence of those who see Him. His auburn hair is parted in the center and hangs down to His shoulders in curls, after the custom of the Nazarenes. His forehead is high and intelligent. His face is without blemish or wrinkle. His cheeks have a flush. His beard is thick and the color of His hair. His eyes are greyish-blue and very lively and piercing. His reprimands are sharp but His exhortations and instructions are amiable and courteous. There is something wonderfully charming in His face although gravity is preserved . . . He is the handsomest man in the world."

Whether or not this letter is authentic, it conforms to some of the great masterpieces we have observed in the art galleries of various nations. There is nothing in Scripture or tradition to warrant the statement that the Lord Jesus Christ was "Jewish in appearance."

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Jewish superiority over Gentiles. As a matter of fact, "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

"There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." This affirmation, recorded in Acts 4:12, takes in Gentiles and Jews alike.

A Jew must come by way of the Cross, the same as any other nationality, in order to enjoy the blessings of salvation.

We find nothing in Scripture to substantiate the idea of the racial superiority of the Jew. Nor do we find that God values the soul of any one person above that of another.

"Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons." Acts 10:34.

We believe that men are in error when they ascribe nationality to God.

There is no salvation in Jewish blood; no salvation in Gentile blood; no salvation in Adamic blood. If the blood of Mary or Abraham, or Adam flowed through the veins of Christ's body, it is the same blood that flowed in the veins of the thieves between whom He was crucified — the same blood that flows in you and me, and therefore could not be an atonement for sin.

"And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." Luke 1:35.

The first Adam was created by God

and had a human nature. The body of the Lord Jesus Christ was created in a supernatural way, in the womb of Mary. If Mary transmitted her nature to Him, it was a fallen human nature. We do not believe that He received His human nature from Mary. A fallen humanity can only impart a fallen human nature.

He was a new creation. His body was "prepared" by God. He had a "perfect" human nature and He never ceased to be God. He was God manifested in the flesh.

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." John 1:14.

Mistakes Of Moses

Sermon of the Month . . . By Rev. Guy N. Woods, . . . Memphis, Tennessee

SOME YEARS AGO the infidel lawyer and silver-tongued orator, Robert Ingersoll, attracted wide attention and created considerable resentment with his lecture, "The Mistakes of Moses." The suggestion that the great lawgiver was susceptible of error was regarded as little short of blasphemous by Bible believers everywhere.

The lecture prompted the facetious remark from someone that it would be far more interesting and edifying to hear Moses on the "mistakes of Ingersoll" than Ingersoll on the "mistakes of Moses." But that Moses *did* make mistakes of the most grievous nature is certain from the fact that he both confessed and recorded them.

For example, he was guilty of a grave sin when, in defense of his countrymen, he slew the Egyptian, and was forced to flee a fugitive from the land of his birth.

He made a mistake when he argued with Jehovah regarding his fitness to assume the position of leadership to which he had been called.

His exhibition of temper was sinful when, in anger, he flung aside the tables

of the law at the foot of Sinai, breaking them.

He erred when, instead of speaking to the rock, as the Lord had commanded, he smote it. But one of his most serious mistakes was when at the Red Sea he bade the people to stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. (Exodus 14:13.) Of all the errors into which Moses fell, none has been so continuously and persistently imitated as this. Through the centuries man has been prone to *stand still*

and vainly attempt to see a salvation that is revealed only to those who *go forward*.

There are several reasons why Moses' attitude on this occasion was exceedingly wrong:

I

He assumed that God would bring deliverance to the people while they were idle. His injunction, "Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord," is in direct contrast with Jehovah's command. "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward." It remains as one of the incongruities of human nature that man is disposed to reverse his whole mental outlook when he comes to deal with things spiritual.

In material matters a man's faith is measured by the extent of his activities. We say a man has faith in a leader when he follows him. He has faith in a bank or other business institution when he invests his money in it. He has faith in a ship when he actually intrusts his life on it. Yet man is so prone to disregard this principle in the spiritual realm, that he feels he exhibits his faith in God only when he folds his hands in idleness and does nothing!

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This specious reasoning is basic in the structure of the denominational setup. Israel was allowed to taste the sweet delights of Canaan only when she had wearisomely covered step by step the long, laborious journey from Egypt to the other side of the Jordan; and we, too, may reap the reward of faith only when our faith is perfected in works. (James 2:20-22.) *In all ages and dispensations God has blessed man because of his faith only when faith led to obedience.*

II

The second mistake Moses made was in confusing mere crying unto God with prayer. We are not informed what Moses said to Jehovah on that occasion, but we may gather that it was a cry to him for assistance from the reply: "Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward."

This is not to minimize its importance, or to disparage the value and efficacy of prayer. All those whose names are inscribed in the annals of God's great were men of prayer. It does indeed avail "much."

There is, however, a vital difference between *prayer*, in its true sense, and the practice of merely *saying prayers*. We must never overlook the fact that prayer is not a *substitute* for work, but rather a *supplement* to it.

It has been aptly said that God does not love a beggar any more than we do. We look with contempt on the indolent and lazy vagrant who asks us for food and raiment. He is too trifling to provide for himself, and then we put ourselves in the same category by asking God to do for us that which we are expected to do for ourselves.

We may properly and acceptably ask the Lord to give us our daily bread only when we industriously sow the seed and till the land in preparation for the harvest. It is no less a gift from Him because we do the preliminary work, which He requires as a condition precedent to the bestowal of the gift. To borrow a statement from Paul on another subject, but none the less a figure taken from seed-time and harvest, he said: "I planted, Apollos watered, but it is God *who makes the seed grow!*" (Moffatt.)

III

A third mistake of Moses was in thinking that God would not expect them to attempt the humanly impossible. Directly in their path were the forbidden waters of the Red Sea.

Conscious of their extremity, and feeling that they were unable to proceed further unaided, Moses proposed that they wait for the salvation he felt certain the Lord would provide. Just how he thought Jehovah would deliver them, does not appear; but it is certain that he did not anticipate the manner in which it was accomplished.

The command to go forward when their way was blocked by the Red Sea was, to the eye of reason, absurd. But the absurdities of reason are often the inspiration of faith. Because nothing is impossible to God, *nothing is impossible to faith!* Here, indeed, is the rock of offense on which all stumble who are influenced solely by reason. "The word of the cross is to them that perish foolishness." (Greek, *silliness*.)

To a cultured, intellectual Greek, saturated with the philosophy of his age, the idea that a man dying in one of the remote reaches of the Roman Empire could, through the shedding of his blood, effect the salvation of the race, was more than foolish; it was, to him, downright silly! It remains that "not many wise

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after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called." (1 Corinthians 1:18,26.) The worldly-wise continue to reject the message of life and salvation.

IV

Another mistake of Moses was in thinking that defeat is ever possible to the cause of Jehovah. The Lord always triumphs. True, those whom he honors with positions of trust and responsibility sometimes prove recreant and unfaithful, and thus allow the cause they represent to falter; but He simply removes them and places in their stead others more worthy who do lead on to success and eventual triumph. All history attests to the ultimate success of His ventures.

He took a nation of slaves out of the grip of one of the world's mightiest empires, led them through the trackless wastes of the desert, and into a land, where, notwithstanding the fact that they were surrounded by unfriendly peoples, they were safely guarded from harm. With a handful of ignorant and poverty-stricken Galileans, He covered the earth with the Gospel of Christ in less than a century. Beyond our borders the world awaits, and today we are before the Red Sea of opportunity. Shall we stand still and repeat the error of Moses, or go forward to certain and complete success?

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A fifth mistake of Moses was in disregarding his resources and being intimidated by the obstacles which confronted him. With Jehovah on our side we may safely disregard the most formidable adversaries and ignore the gravest difficulties. Moses, it is true, did not know what to do with Pharaoh; but *Jehovah did*, and at the right moment destroyed him in the waters of the sea. Thus the obstacle which confronted Moses proved to be the instrument in God's hand.

Moses made the mistake of not knowing that a difficulty is but a door through which those who have the courage and determination to pass, may go on to greater things for God. We learn from this incident that when God requires a thing to be done, it is ours to do it, regardless of how great the difficulties in the way may appear. He will provide the way.

When God commands us to go forward, we must take the first step, though the second and third steps may not seem possible. From the higher point to which the first one brings us, the second and succeeding steps will appear.

His Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path, and it is enough that he shows the way one step at a time. If we do what He says today, we may be sure that He will enable us to know how to accomplish His will tomorrow.

History's Beacon Light

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No type of Collectivism can be reconciled with any society except one which promotes serfdom and scarcity.

HISTORY'S BEACON LIGHT
H points the way to peace and freedom as surely as the hand of the compass points toward the north.

It does so by reflecting the lessons of experience in public affairs, and thereby demonstrates that there is nothing confused or complicated about the route to peace and freedom. It uses truth-telling rays, which reveal the particular nature of the fruits, good or bad, derived from different experiences in public affairs, and no artificial or electrical energy is required.

Consequently, no one can be fit and qualified for any public leadership who fails to acquaint himself with, and respects and heeds, what is revealed by the beacon light of history. All prudent persons are well aware that experience is a great and wise teacher, and they always regard most highly the lessons of experience, whether purely personal or of a public nature.

The most outstanding lesson of history from experiences in public affairs is that no type or degree of Collectivism, open or insidious, can be reconciled with a civilized society or with any society except one which promotes serfdom and scarcity.

It follows, therefore, that no one who advocates Collectivism of any type or degree should be credited with political, economic, social, moral, or theological sanity or soundness, as regards such advocacy, no matter how high an office he may occupy in State or in Church, and even though he may claim moral or theological infallibility.

EARLY EXPERIMENTS IN NORTH AMERICA

Some emigrants to the New World brought with them, along with their vivid recollection of tribulation in the Old World, a desire or inclination to test out

Sir Thomas More's so-called "Utopia" (1516), claimed to be obtainable from ownership in common, with nobody owning anything, but everybody supposedly owning everything collectively.

This explains why Collectivism was tried out between 1611 and 1614 in the Virginia Colony. It was tried out on a so-called economic basis, with the fruits of each man's labor going to the common stock, but without any attempt to destroy the family or patriotism or religion. In the experiment, competitive laziness superseded natural productive competition. Because of the inherent discouragement of individual incentive, the settlers were brought to near-starvation.

Sir Thomas Dale then applied force in order to keep the experiment going. The tribulation of the settlers was aggravated thereby. The community was converted into a half military and half penal camp, and, after a total period of only



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three years, the experiment had to be abandoned to rescue the settlers from starvation and serfdom.

Between 1620 and 1623, a similar experiment was tried out in the Plymouth Colony of Massachusetts, conducted throughout as a democracy and without any military force. Yet the same results were produced as from the Virginia experiment, and it also had to be abandoned due to near-starvation.

It is difficult to conceive of a state of things more propitious to the theories of Communism or Socialism than in those two experiments. Yet the failure was signal in each, and the settlers always referred to the period as "the years of slavery."

THEOCRATIC COMMUNISM

So-called theocratic Communism was begun in Paraguay by the Jesuit Fathers of the Roman Catholic Church in 1609. The experiment was continued until 1767, when the Jesuit Fathers were expelled by Portugal. A total period of more than a century and a half was covered by the experiment, and involved a total population of forty thousand native families, divided among thirty-two villages.

Each village was surrounded by a ditch to keep the natives in and strangers out. The natives were induced to do their best work without remuneration here by being told that they were working under God and would receive their reward hereafter. They were not told about individual liberty and free private enterprise being implicit in God's basic plan for humanity.

This experiment in Paraguay demonstrated that Communism in the name of God is apt to be the most lasting, because the delusion serves as an opiate to keep victims in serfdom. Politically-ambitious clergy in charge of such a performance

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become so affected by the opiate, and by an unconscious disinclination to surrender power, that they have no difficulty persuading themselves that the victims are too stupid for any other treatment and that the most is being done for them.

VOCATIONAL MONOPOLIES

Another disastrous form of Collectivism, and a peculiarly insidious type, is the corporate system of vocational monopolies, which was at its height, and also went into complete decay, in Europe in the sixteenth century, although high Roman Catholic clergy were its most intense advocates.

They lost their bearings in the political field for which they had neither equipment nor mission, and found it impossible to realize that every vocational monopoly is essentially a gangsterism, because it denies to the individual his right to follow any lawful vocation, and seeks to compel him to join a monopoly before he can do so. Such political-dabbling clergy imagined that gangsterisms would produce social reforms, and, therefore, lauded such corporate system as constituting "Christian socialism," a term as inherently self-contradictory as the unthinkable term "Christian atheism." And when the system went into steady and inevitable decay, they suggested all that it needed was the infusion of the spirit of charity.

They ought to have known that such an attempted infusion was as futile as would be an attempt to infuse the spirit

of charity into copperhead snakes. They were sadly deficient in their knowledge of God's basic plan for humanity, and on that account developed political interests and worldly lives largely responsible for the abuses which paved the way for the Protestant Reformation. The Catholic Encyclopedia (Vol. 12, page 499) says:

"The reformatory movement of the sixteenth century found the ground well prepared for its reception. The cry for a thorough reformation of the Church in head and members had been ringing through Europe for a full century; it was justified by the worldly lives of the clergy, high and low, by abuses in Church administration, by money extortions, by the neglect of religious duties reaching far and wide through the body of the faithful."

"Had Protestantism offered a reform in the sense of amendment, probably high corrupt elements in the Church would have turned against it, as Jews and pagans turned against Christ and the Apostles."

Misleadership by high Roman Catholic clergy in favor of the corporate system of vocational monopolies has not been completely abandoned. On May 15, 1891, Pope Leo XIII issued a pronouncement for its revival, which was followed by special enactments in Italy under Mussolini for its revival, and a later pronouncement by Pope Pius XI on May 15, 1931, expressing approval of such enactments in Italy. However, six years

later Pius XI evidently realized that he had acted beyond Church authority, and therefore only personally, in such pronouncement of May 15, 1931; with the result that in a further pronouncement of March 19, 1937, Pius XI was careful to state:

"The Church has never proposed a definite technical system, since this is not her field."

* Yet the present Pope (Pius XII) has, since then, reverted to the earlier errors, and re-adopted the corporate system of vocational monopolies as supposedly essential for needed social reform, thus refusing to follow his wiser and more alert predecessor.

ATHEISTIC COMMUNISM

Throughout the ages, atheistic Communism has been supported by powerful occult forces, ever ready to strike a deadly blow against Civilization at any favorable opportunity.

Adam Weishaupt, a leader in the movement, came forth with a vigorous proclamation for atheistic Communism on May 1, 1776.

Therafter the movement became so extensively propagandized that, in July, 1798, Timothy Dwight, President of Yale, blasted it, saying:

"No personal or national interest of man has been uninjured; no impious sentiment of action against God has been spared; no malignant hostility against Christ and his religion has been unattempted. Justice, truth, kindness, piety, and moral obligation universally have been not merely trodden under foot, but ridiculed, spurned and insulted as the childish bugbears of driveling idiocy."

Karl Marx did not originate atheistic Communism. He merely re-proclaimed, in 1848, through the so-called "Communist Manifesto," the same diabolical tenets that Weishaupt had proclaimed in 1776, before Marx was born.

Nor did Lenin and Stalin originate, or claim to have originated, atheistic Communism. They applied ruthless force in November, 1917, to impose upon the Russian people the atheistic Communism which had been proclaimed by Weishaupt and proclaimed by Marx, and the yoke has been kept upon the Russian people ever since, because they have been afforded no opportunity to escape.

CREEPING COLLECTIVISM

No one should consider himself safe because he has resolved never to accept any type or degree of Collectivism. He



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must also be on the alert against creeping or insidious Collectivism. Every type and degree of governmental direction of the lives of the people is collectivistic, and makes of government an illegal master of the people.

It is not the province of government to build a Civilization, or to direct or dominate the social relations of the people. Free persons are the builders of Civilization, and, since all social relations must be voluntary, so-called social reforms by government are necessarily grotesque. Government's function is to safeguard the individual in his free direction of his own life, limited only by the equal freedom of others.

Consequently, when government attempts to direct the lives of the people, wholly or partially, in the name of "social reform," "social progress," or any other such guise, it is obvious that creeping methods to undermine individual sovereignty and liberty are already under way.

As early as 1870, such creeping methods were instituted by Bismarck when he molded the German Empire, and included a sort of state Socialism in the governmental structure, enabling the use of more and more bureaucracy and ever-mounting taxation to undermine and supersede the individual's direction of his own life.

As early as 1913, similar creeping methods found their way into the American Republic, in the name of "progressive" politics, and were strongly advocated by leaders in both of our so-called great political parties. More and more bureaucracy, ever-mounting taxation, and deficit spending, then followed, which contributed greatly to the inflation that preceded the depression crisis of 1929.

In 1933, the so-called "New Deal" rode into office on a platform pledged against existing bureaucracy, excessive taxes, deficit spending, government intrusion in fields of private enterprise, etc. Yet its record since then has been one of persistent double-crossing of the American people regarding these vital matters.

Since 1940, there has been a further aggravation involving deficit spending on a global scale, endangering the spending of the American Republic into destruction, and such deficit spending still continues for the benefit of foreign regimes, chiefly Socialist, which are thereby helped to keep peoples subjugated through the use of American dollars.

In addition to all this, there is an ever-growing disposition among New Dealers and "Me too" Republicans to surrender the independent sovereignty of the American Republic to a World Government Organization, made up of a hybrid as-

sortment of despotisms along with some nations of free men.

CLOAK FOR DEMOCRACY

The trick word "democracy" is the most common cloak used today by both creeping and full-fledged Collectivism. It is used to deceive the people into believing that individual liberty is made more effective and worthwhile when a so-called people's government directs the lives of the people in various so-called social fields.

A similar deception was attempted in the early history of the American Republic, when Jefferson blasted it as follows:

"An elective despotism is not the government for which the War of Independence was fought."

Jefferson well knew, of course, from the lessons of history, that the individual must always direct his own life, or lose his freedom, and that a despotism by the many is tyranny just as much as is a despotism by the few.

VERDICT FROM HISTORY'S BEACON LIGHT

The verdict from history's beacon light today on the basis of indisputable facts

established by public events consists of the following items:

1. No nation of free men has ever provoked a war.
2. Despotisms, or nations of non-free or herded men, cause wars.
3. Nations of free men are the only civilized nations.
4. There can be no justification for a nation of free men surrendering its independent sovereignty to any group or organization, much less to a grotesque group or organization which includes any despotism or despotisms.
5. Collectivisms cause serfdom and scarcity, whereas nations of free men ensure freedom and abundance.
6. No nation of free men can be expected to make good the never-ending deficits of a single Collectivism, much less of a group of collectivisms.
7. There should be no further delay in getting rid of the New Deal, with all its works and pomps, including the "Me too" Republicans who have participated

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in a "Me too" political party racket since 1936 to keep the New Deal in power.

8. The New Deal's long pro-Soviet record affords little confidence in it as a protector of the American Republic.

9. Honest government is never a spendthrift, nor does it tax away liberty by imposing burdensome taxes.

10. The New Deal's spending of the American Republic toward destruction tends to make the Soviet's fondest wish come true.

11. The use of tax moneys to sub-

dize Socialism at home or abroad is disloyalty and perfidy.

12. Total mobilization for "total war" installs total Socialism, and thereby weakens production and morale, and shatters free institutions indefinitely or permanently, as the recent history of Britain demonstrates.

13. No world war ever settles anything, except to settle the people into a worse plight, and give exploiters of human beings (who are the war-makers) a firmer grip.

14. A world war with despotisms on both sides is inherently hypocritical, and makes pawns of nations and fodder out of human lives.

15. Government's function in every civilized nation is limited to preserving the peace, to safeguard individual liberty against crime, monopolies, frauds, and other interferences, including, of course, protection against insurrection within or invasion from without.

16. The way to peace and freedom is, therefore, plain and simple. The sovereignty and liberty of the individual must be safeguarded, with the people's chosen representatives in charge of the safeguarding mechanism, thereby ensuring a nation of free men.

(Editor's Note: This article is available in booklet form . . . 10 cents per copy or 15 copies \$1.00. Orders may be addressed to George E. Sullivan, 430 Washington Building, Washington, D. C.)

Lincoln Hated Liquor

"I would rather lose my right hand than to sign a document that will tend to perpetuate the liquor traffic."

THE USE of intoxicating liquors was almost universal in the days of Abraham Lincoln, as suggested by the following quotation from an address which he delivered before the Washingtonian Society in 1842:

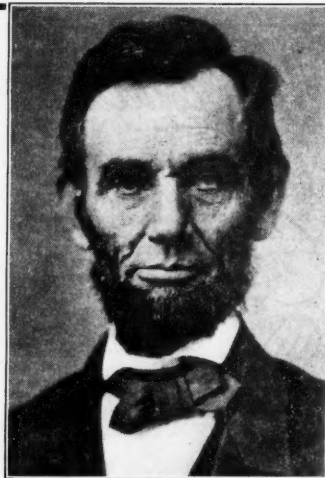
"When all such of us as have now reached the years of maturity, first opened our eyes upon the stage of existence, we found intoxicating liquors recognized by everybody, used by everybody, repudiated by nobody. It commonly entered into the first draught of the infant, and the last draught of the dying man.

"From the sideboard of the Parson, down to the ragged pocket of the houseless loafer, it was constantly found. Physicians prescribed it; government provided it; and to have a rolling or raising, a husking or 'hoe-down' anywhere without it, was positively insufferable."

It is a significant tribute to both Lincoln and his father, Thomas Lincoln, that in localities where the use of alcoholic beverages was so common, neither of them ever became addicted to their use. Charles T. White, after careful research, states his belief that Lincoln was a total abstainer.

FIRST TEMPERANCE LECTURE

When Lincoln was a young man, the building of bridges furnished opportunities for frolics and feats of strength. At the age of 27 he attended such a gather-



ing prior to his departure from New Salem to Springfield, Illinois, in 1836. After one man of exceptional strength had lifted a pile of wood weighing one thousand pounds, six inches off the platform, Lincoln lifted it a clear foot without straining.

Some of the men shouted, "Do it again! We didn't see it!" To satisfy them, Lincoln raised the load again, this time with a large man named "Sam" sitting on top of the pile. Then being challenged once more, he lifted a heavy barrel of whiskey and took a drink of liquor from its open bung hole. Before putting

the barrel down, he turned his head and spat the liquor out on the ground. He then delivered what he afterward referred to as his "first temperance lecture."

In later years, when invited to drink, he would say, "That reminds me of the first temperance lecture I ever made," and then relate the incident of the barrel, closing with the words:

"My friends, you will do well, and the best you can with it, to empty this barrel of liquor on the ground as I threw the little part of it out of my mouth . . . As a good friend, without counting the distress and wreckage of wind, let me advise that if you wish to remain healthy and strong, turn it away from your lips." (From *Lincoln and Prohibition*, by Charles T. White.)

LINCOLN AND THE WASHINGTONIAN MOVEMENT

The Washingtonian Society, organized at Baltimore on April 6, 1840, was a pledge-signing organization initiated by drunkards who had been converted to total abstinence. The movement spread quickly over the nation, until at least 600,000 drinkers had taken the solemn vow not to drink again.

One of the most remarkable addresses Lincoln ever delivered was before the Washingtonian Society of Springfield, Illinois, in the Second Presbyterian Church

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of that city, on February 22, 1842, commemorating the one hundred and tenth anniversary of the birth of George Washington. How earnest he was in advocating abstinence, may be seen by the statement which he made in regard to this address, written the same day. Writing to George E. Pickett, who was preparing to enter the National Military Academy, he said:

"I have just told the folks here in Springfield, on this one hundred and tenth anniversary of the birth of him whose name we mention in solemn awe, that the one victory we can ever call complete, will be that one which proclaims that there is not one slave nor one drunkard on the face of God's green earth. Recruit for this victory." (*Lincoln and Prohibition*, by Charles T. White.)

The Sons of Temperance, another organization for national sobriety, whose avowed purpose was "to secure utter annihilation of the manufacture of, and traffic in, intoxicating drinks," was organized at New York City, September 29, 1842. The membership grew rapidly in the early years, until by 1846 it numbered one hundred thousand. Lincoln, while living in Springfield, became a member of this body.

The story has often been told of a meeting at the South Fork school house in Sangamon County, Illinois, in the summer of 1846, at which Lincoln spoke, and invited those present to sign the total abstinence pledge, written in his own hand, and which read as follows:

"Whereas, the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is productive of pauperism, degradation, and crime; and believing it is our duty to discourage that which produces more evil than good, we therefore pledge ourselves to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquor as a beverage."

The pledge was signed by most of those present. A boy ten years of age, Cleopas Breckenridge, had to have Lincoln write his name on the pledge for him. He observed it sacredly throughout his life. (*The Lincoln Legion*, by Louis Albert Banks.)

COLD WATER AT SPRINGFIELD

A further illustration of Lincoln's firmness, and a worthy example for present-day office seekers, was his refusal to serve intoxicating liquors at his notification of nomination for the Presidency.

Friends in Springfield, who felt their city had been highly honored by the nomination, suggested that they would provide the liquors. Lincoln refused, saying: "I have never been in the habit of

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entertaining my friends that way, and I cannot permit my friends to do for me what I will not do myself. I shall provide cold water — nothing else."

In spite of his refusal, certain well-meaning citizens sent baskets of champagne to the residence, but each parcel was returned with a message of thanks.

When the notification ceremonies were at an end, Lincoln remarked: "Mrs. Lincoln will be pleased to see you in the other room, gentlemen. You will find something refreshing in the library. It is pure Adam's ale from the spring, the most healthy beverage God has given to man, and the only beverage I have ever used or allowed my family to use." (*Lincoln and Prohibition*, by Charles T. White.)

NO LIQUORS IN THE WHITE HOUSE

The Standard Encyclopedia of the Alcohol Problem is authority for the statement that during Lincoln's residence in the White House, no intoxicating liquor was served on either public or private occasions.

On September 29, 1863, a deputation of the Sons of Temperance waited upon the President to urge suppression of liquor drinking in the army. He assured them that they had his friendship and sympathy. He stated:

"If I were better known than I am, you would not need to be told that in

the advocacy of the cause of temperance you have a friend and a sympathizer in me. When I was a young man, long ago, before the Sons of Temperance as an organization had an existence — I, in a humble way, made temperance speeches, and I think I may say that to this day, I have never by my example, belied what I then said. I think that the reasonable men of the world have long since agreed that intemperance is one of the greatest, if not the very greatest, of all evils among mankind." (*Lincoln and Prohibition*, by Charles T. White.)

RELUCTANT TO SIGN EXCISE LIQUOR TAX

Lincoln was always opposed to the license method of dealing with the liquor traffic. During the Illinois State prohibition campaign of 1855, he repeatedly told the people in his speeches, that a license tax would fasten the traffic more securely upon the community, and declared that "never by licensing an evil can the evil be removed or weakened."

Such a tax, he said, would be an entrenchment for the liquor traffic, making it more difficult to control. As President, he objected to the section of the Internal Revenue Bill, which placed a tax upon alcoholic liquors for the support of the national government, saying: "That tax will tend to perpetuate the liquor traffic, and I cannot consent to aid in doing that."

When the Internal Revenue Bill was before Congress in 1862 it became known that Lincoln was inclined to veto

the measure, unless the liquor license provision was removed. He finally yielded to the entreaties of Secretary of the Treasury Chase, who said the legislation was needed as an emergency war measure, and assured him it would be repealed as soon as the war ended.

As Lincoln signed the bill he said: "I would rather lose my right hand than to sign a document that will tend to perpetuate the liquor traffic, and as soon as the exigencies pass away, I will turn my whole attention to the repeal of that document."

Unfortunately, his life was cut short by the assassin's bullet on April 14, 1865, only five days after the war between the States was ended, for all practical purposes, by the surrender of the principal body of armed forces under General Robert E. Lee. Thus he was denied an opportunity to carry out his pledge to demand the repeal of the liquor excise law. (*Standard Encyclopedia of the Alcohol Problem*.)

LINCOLN'S LIFELONG STAND

Lincoln's lifelong attitude on the use of intoxicating liquors may well be summed up in the following sentences, spoken in his magnificent address to the Washingtonian Society, at Springfield, Illinois, February 22, 1842:

"Whether or not the world would be vastly benefited by a total and final banishment from it, of all intoxicating drinks, seems to me not now an open question. Three-fourths of mankind confess the affirmative with their tongues, and, I believe, all the rest acknowledge it in their hearts."

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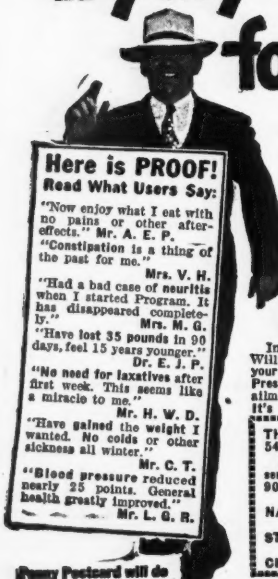
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The greatest truths are the simplest; and so are the greatest men.

—Hare.

He is poor whose expenses exceed his income.

—Bruyere.

Three may keep a secret . . . if two of them are dead.

—Franklin.

Not infrequently our God brings His people into difficulties on purpose, that they may come to know Him as they could not otherwise do. Then he reveals Himself as "a very present help in trouble."

—J. Hudson Taylor.

It does not require great learning to be a Christian and be convinced of the truth of the Bible. It requires only an honest heart and a willingness to obey God.

—Barnes.

I am very profitably engaged in reading the Bible. Take all of this book on reason that you can and the balance by faith, and you will live and die a better man.

—Abraham Lincoln.

No man preaches his sermon well to others, if he does not preach it to his own heart first.

—John Owens.

It is better to walk in the dark with God than to go alone by sight.

The church that forgets itself in its

passion for others will, in that forgetfulness, find itself.

Keep thy tools ready and God will find thee work.

The only real way to "prepare to meet thy God" is to live with thy God daily so that to meet Him shall be nothing strange.

Be quiet enough to hear it,
The plan of God.
Be brave enough to speak it,
The message of God.
Be honest enough to live it,
The life of God.

—Frank Waggoner.

Humility and forgiveness go hand in hand. There is never one without the other.

God never alters the robe of righteousness to fit the man, but the man to fit the robe.

The fact that you have never experienced the love of God does not prove it doesn't exist.

—Everett Morgan.

Children brought up in Sunday School are seldom brought up in court.

—Basil Miller.

The preacher who proves to be meek as a lamb, must always keep on the watch for the deacon who would "stew" him.

—J. Harold Smith.

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Reporting From Washington

AN EVENT of far-reaching importance occurred in the courts of Washington a few days ago when Upton Close, famed radio commentator and author brought action against Louis Levand and the Wichita Beacon . . . of Wichita, Kansas.

The criminal practices of the Jewish Levand brothers have been known and understood here at the Capital for many years. They are looked upon as character assassins and blackmailers. The forthcoming trial is expected to establish direct connections between them and the red underground.

Observers expect the evidence to show that they have for years collaborated with the notorious L. M. Birkhead of the so-called Friends of Democracy, John Spivak of the Communist Daily Worker, John Roy Carlson (Derounian) William Power Maloney, O. John Rogge, Keith Brooks and other leaders of the un-American Gestapo.

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The complaint filed by Mr. Close is in the nature of civil action, demanding a declaratory judgment.

The criminal activities of the Levands, have for almost two decades included merciless smearing of persons in public life, who oppose Communism — especially Ministers of the Gospel. During recent months they have broadened their scope, to take in certain top-level writers and radio men like Upton Close. And this may prove to be their undoing! These men do not feel obligated to "turn the other cheek."

Mr. Close charges that the defendants have circulated "false, malicious, derogatory, defamatory and libelous" statements against him.

One thing that contributes to the importance of this case, is the fact of the Levands being brought to trial, after having for years assumed an attitude of being *above the law*. Their boast that no Wichita law firm would dare take a case against them, has come back and hit them like a boomerang.

Perhaps they thought that their victims might never hear about the elaborate Beacon offices, which are maintained here at the Capital. There can be no question but what Mr. Close has a clear case against them in this jurisdiction. He is represented by one of the ablest attorneys of Washington — Mr. Nathan Boone Williams.

SEVERAL LEADERS on Capitol Hill are purchasing quantities of Joseph Kamp's book "Open Letter To Congress," for distribution among their constituents back home.

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One Congressman, in whose district a certain newspaper publishes Pearson's daily column, is marking the following passage on page 23 of the books with a heavy red pencil, before sending them out:

* * *

Drew Pearson, columnist and commentator, has long been one of the principal mouthpieces of the Jewish Gestapo. He has worked in its inner circles. A Washington agent of the Gestapo has been on his payroll from time to time. His principal assistant is David Katz (or Karr), a former employee of the Communist Daily Worker.

While the Jewish Gestapo was building up its case against the "seditionists," Miles Goldberg, then head of the Anti-Defamation League's spy network, wrote his Washington secret agent telling him "in the event that you are asked to appear before the Grand Jury, talk this over with Drew Pearson . . . I am concerned with your future effectiveness if it should leak out that you are furnishing information to the Justice Department."

On another occasion Goldberg wrote his Washington spy: "Let Drew Pearson have this." But, when Pearson was given some information without Goldberg's instructions he protested: "I appreciate your loyalty to both Pearson and Richmond (Rabbi Paul Richmond runs the Anti-Defamation League office in Washing-

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ton), but I believe I should be the judge with regard to the release of material that you get."

Most significant was Goldberg's snide observation: "It might be advisable to give him some follow-up material . . . I agree with you that the Pearson outlet to the 300 newspapers and the national radio hook-up is publicity that receives wide attention from every part of this country. By all means, make Drew believe that the information you are getting for him is strictly confidential and that you had a difficult time getting it and that it might place you in danger if it is used. I am sure that under these circumstances, he will use the material."

That's how the Gestapo was playing its stooge for a sucker.

(This ends the quotation from Mr. Kamp's book, "Open Letter To Congress.")

IF EVER a man opened his mouth and put his foot in it . . . Harry Truman was that man, when on the recent western tour, he got off the gag about "old Joe." His friends here cringed, while opponents of the administration threw up their hands in disgust.

Congressman Woodruff of Michigan expressed the feeling of just about everybody, when he placed the remarks quoted below in the Congressional Record:

"One hardly knows whether to laugh or cry at President Truman's statement about Premier Stalin, 'I like old Joe. He is a decent fellow.' Unfortunately, as the President sees it, his old friend is a prisoner of the Politbureau.

"Good old Joe — he smokes a pipe. Was it, his fault, after all, that he seized total power of the Soviet state?"

"He is a decent fellow, and his eyes crinkle around the edges when he smiles. How painful it must have been to this kindly old man as, by his orders, the Russian Kulak class was exterminated, some 15,000,000 Soviet citizens thrown into concentration camps and his followers subjected to a blood purge so severe that nobody but Joe himself was sure of his safety. Poor old Joe.

"Americans can point with pride, at least, to the evident fact that their Chief of State is bossed by no underlings. There is probably not another responsible official in this Country — or anybody even remotely acquainted with the Russian system, for that matter, who agree with Mr. Truman about Mr. Stalin. Good old Harry — it is strictly his own idea. It should be kept that way."

BOTH friends and foes admired Senator Langer for his courage when he publicly denounced that part of the Marshall Plan, which provides a ten million dollar subsidy of the taxpayers' money for certain large newspapers and magazines. A bought press is a kept press, and can not be a free press!

"As I understand this bill," said the Senator during the course of a heated Senate debate, "we are appropriating \$20,000,000 to feed the hungry children of the world; then we are appropriating half as much for the New York Times, the New York Herald-Tribune, Fortune magazine, Newsweek and Time magazine. Does the Senate know whether any newspaper opposed to the Marshall Plan, is to receive one single dollar?"

The majority of Senators voted to pass the measure over Senator Langer's protest, due undoubtedly to the fact that men in public life are reluctant to invite reprisals from large newspapers and magazines.

This writer has learned from an authoritative source, that the publications listed below have put in their demands for the "cuts" indicated: New York Herald-Tribune \$977,000; the New York Times \$110,000; Life magazine \$853,000; Time magazine \$368,000 Newsweek \$200,000.

THE FOLLOWING remarks by Congressman John Rankin are reproduced from the Congressional Record:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise to serve notice that I am going to demand that the Committee on Un-American Activities investigate this so-called International Latex Corporation, that has been spreading Communist propaganda all over the Country for many years and which today spent untold thousands of dollars attacking Great Britain, a friendly nation.

"Russian Communists are pouring into Palestine. Their object is to set up a Russian bridgehead there and to throw the Russian Government, if you please, and the power of international Communism, across the lifeline of Great Britain. Of course Great Britain is opposing that program. As between the English-speaking peoples of the world and the jabbering Communists, I am for the English-speaking people of the world."

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MR. DONDERO. Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks in the *Congressional Record*, I include therein an editorial from the *Daily Tribune* of Royal Oak, Mich., my home city.

The Communist plan for taking over Greater Detroit, as outlined by Editor Floyd J. Miller, should challenge every loyal American. What happened in Bogota, Colombia, could happen here in our own favored land.

The editorial is as follows:

THE COMMUNIST plan for taking over Greater Detroit includes the following steps in South Oakland County:

1. Seizure of all the police headquarters in Royal Oak, Ferndale, and the other municipalities. This calls for control of the very important radio system and the radio equipped scout cars.
2. Seizure of all radio stations and suppression of newspapers.
3. Seizure of telephone central offices.
4. Imprisonment or shooting of all officials likely to prove most resistant.

Where did I get this information, you ask?

I drew it up, as any of you might do, after reviewing some of the startling revelations of Communist activities in this and other countries. One of the most outstanding of these was James Sweinhart's series, published in the *Detroit News* and in some 30 other large daily newspapers.

Many other newspaper and magazine articles have given detailed evidence of the elaborate preparations made by the international Communist organization for years.

There was a time when many people who were neither Communist nor Communist victims laughed at such an idea. It was preposterous. It was fanciful imagination; witch hunting with trimmings. They expressed these opinions in many letters to newspapers.

Naturally, those who were following the Communist line also did everything in their power to pooh-pooh this idea. They encouraged as many others as possible to do the same thing. Altogether they made quite a showing.

It is rather difficult for us Americans, reared in our tradition of democratic government, to believe that these things can happen. As long as all the explosive results were in far-off countries, our doubts continued to loom large.

Now the harsh realities are creeping closer and closer to us. We no longer look on them as fantastic fiction. Instead, we know them as powerful realities which may crush out our very existence.

The recent uprising in Bogota, Colombia, was a striking example. I read the first news of it in a daily paper which in the same issue printed the letter written by a supposedly well-informed schoolman. He branded the Sweinhart articles as impossible imaginings.

All the professor's arguments were demolished by what actually happened, and

it was not in far-off Europe or Asia. It was in a South American capital—only 'four hours' plane flight from our own shores.

The evident aim of the uprising was to break up the conference of American nations in Bogota. The Communists abroad certainly would have pounced on this as showing the weakness and inefficiency of democracies. Unfortunately for this plot, the conference continued.

What happened instantly bore all the earmarks of modern communistic revolutionary technique. The central radio station was seized and used, both to alarm and confuse Bogota, and to signal revolutionary leaders in other cities.

Small but skillful armed bands took possession of Bogota's main traffic centers, held the police and troops paralyzed by uncertainty, and turned loose rioting mobs to pillage, loot, and burn.

Two groups lent themselves readily to this sort of uncontrolled mob action. One comprised the Indian population, who could grab more in five minutes than they could possibly obtain in any other way during all the balance of their lives.

The second was made up of youngsters from 13 to 17 years old. Hundreds of them joined in the disorder. Meanwhile attempts were made to start outbreaks simultaneously in several other Latin American nations. This could not have been possible without detailed advance planning.

Not without reason is Bogota called the "Athens of Latin America." Its leaders of all factions perceived the necessity of putting down this attempt at revolution.

They were also smart enough to understand how narrow an escape their nation had. They are tremendously shocked by the realization that in their very midst a foreign-dominated group had been planning all the details of revolution for many months.

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American citizens, who had opposed in a legal and peaceful manner, the inroads of Communism upon our Country and the foreign policy of the New Deal, and who at the early date of 1940 branded Franklin D. Roosevelt as the greatest fraud and the greatest imposter who ever lived, were dragged from their homes through false and perjured testimony and placed before a picked grand jury in the District of Columbia.

At that time the judge, Edward C. Eicher, who had been specially selected to try the defendants, stated to the prosecutor: "Here is your grand jury, Mr. Maloney."

These defendants were brought by deputy marshals to the District of Columbia, from various parts of the United States, in handcuffs and leg irons. They were brought to Washington in disgrace, denied assistance of counsel and subjected to excessive bail.

It must be borne in mind that notwithstanding the practice followed in this Country since Revolutionary days, proceedings before a grand jury should be maintained in the utmost secrecy, the deliberations before this grand jury were revealed to the followers of the Kremlin, and day by day the testimony was passed along to Walter Winchell, Drew Pearson, Dillard Stokes and other New Deal stooges of the "Washington Post," who have endeavored to undermine the United States Government in the interest of Stalin and the satellites of Russia.

At all times Franklin D. Roosevelt and his advisor, Felix Frankfurter, were supervising the conduct of the Sedition Trial and dictating not only to Judge Edward C. Eicher, but to other District Court judges who were placed in office with the imprimatur of Franklin Roosevelt.

It is a well known fact that the Federal judiciary is packed with New Deal appointees — over 90 per cent having been placed in office since 1933. However, in their zeal to trample upon the civil rights of the accused, they overshot the mark.

The learned Chief Justice Stone severely criticized Maloney, the New Deal prosecutor, declaring among other things: "At a time when passion and prejudice are heightened by emotions stirred by our participation in a great war, we do not doubt that these remarks addressed to the jury were highly prejudicial, and that they were offensive to the dignity and good order with which all proceedings in court should be conducted. We think that the

trial judge should have stopped counsel's discourse without waiting for an objection."

As a result of this, Maloney was forced out and there was placed in charge of the so-called sedition indictments one Oetje John Rogge, who concealed his real affiliations at that time, but who now openly flaunts his connections with communistic Russia, and who represents all of the followers of Stalin in this Country who find themselves in the toils of the law as a result of defying the legal and orderly processes of government. Rogge's chief source of financial income results, these days, from defending members of the Communist Party.

These matters should make a strong appeal to all Republicans and all citizens who have respect for personal liberty and civil rights, and who desire to return to sanity in government. In uttering this statement, I may say that I can speak with authority, because I have been in close touch with the Case from the beginning.

I also felt the wrath of the New Deal administration when I raised my voice in protest at the injustices meted out to the accused. At the instance of Franklin Roosevelt, Felix Frankfurter and Francis Biddle, I was cited for contempt of court, and the contempt was based upon the accusation I made that the trial judge, Edward C. Eicher, had been specially selected to preside over this case and if he was successful in bringing about a conviction, promised a judgeship in a higher court.

The truth of that allegation has now been definitely ascertained. When things got so bad that I felt that no redress could be obtained in the courts, due to the control exercised by Franklin D. Roosevelt and Felix Frankfurter, I petitioned the House of Representatives for the impeachment of the trial judge.

I was then expelled from the Case without any authority of law. At that time I made the statement that O. John Rogge was the vilest insect who ever crawled across the page of time, and that there was a definite link between the said Rogge and communistic Russia. This has since become well known.

In my judgment the Sedition Trial was the greatest outrage since the British burned our Capitol in 1814. Dr. Charles A. Beard, noted historian and author, recently wrote to Ellis O. Jones, one of the defendants: "I regard the so-called Mass Sedition Trial the saddest travesty on justice in the history of such prosecutions since the enactment of the Sedition Act of 1798."

An editorial appeared on May 20, 1948, in the "Chicago Tribune," headed "A Blot on Justice," in which we find the following:

"The defendants were anti-New Dealers, united in their opposition to communism and to Roosevelt's methods of putting the country into war. All in common suffered from being hauled by a dragnet conspiracy charge to what, for many of them, was a remote part of the country, where the court and jury panel were peculiarly susceptible to administration influence as well as to the war hysteria of the capital.

"This disgraceful political show trial, more appropriate to Moscow than to American court, is unsurpassed among all of the evils charged to the Roosevelt administration. The Republicans owe the country the duty of exposing the motives and methods which gave rise to these proceedings, to the end that there may never be a repetition."

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1928 (277 U. S. 438) have application:

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serve the laws scrupulously. Our government is the potent, the omnipresent teacher. For good or for ill, it teaches the whole people by its example. Crime is contagious. If the government becomes a lawbreaker, it breeds contempt for law; it invites every man to become a law unto himself; it invites anarchy."

Exactly so! These infamous persecutions were anarchy. Nothing less!

We say therefore that it is the great duty and privilege of the Republican Party to place its stamp of condemnation on the practices of the New Deal administration, and to adopt a platform giving assurance to the citizens of the land that there can be no repetition of this outrage.

(This concludes Mr. Laughlin's address before leaders of the Republican National Convention . . . at Philadelphia.)

Voodooism And Demonism

By Dr. John R. Turnbull, F. R. G. S. . . . Missionary to Haiti

VOODOOISM, as we see it practiced in the interior of island Haiti, is demonism.

As Christians yield themselves to Christ, so do voodooists place their minds and bodies at the disposal of Satan. Devil worship is a fact in our part of the world.

The unspeakable devil doctors are agents through whom these people worship evil spirits. Devotees of this black magic know demons by name and invoke their help for all manner of enterprises.

Dr. G. H. Pember says that an illicit relationship between fallen angels and human beings, during the antediluvian period, precipitated the deluge judgment. Human contact with demon intelligences is a flagrant violation of the will of God.

Jude speaks of "angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation," being "reserved in everlasting chains under darkness." Who can read such passages of Scripture as Luke 8:26-39 and doubt the existence of demon powers?

Honest doubters should visit our mission field!

The greatest joy that comes to us as missionaries, is to see men and women delivered from these powers. Many a tormented soul has approached us in agony that cannot be described, and gone away completely freed from the Satanic influence.

"Superstition!" some reader may say. Satan is *not* a superstition. The Bible clearly teaches his existence . . . and demons in Haiti advertise his presence in many lives.

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An elderly couple stood on the porch of our mission house. They came out of respect for their daughter who had been saved from Voodooism two months earlier. She had died, radiantly happy, in the Lord. We were arranging a Christian burial in keeping with her wishes.

I pressed upon the Voodoo parents their need of forgiveness and salvation. For at least fifty years they had practiced the abominations of demonism, in one of the blackest areas of those high mountains. In their yard was an altar to Satan. Their home was filled with fetishes. Their minds had long been controlled by powers of evil. They had also

led their neighbors in the way that leadeth unto destruction.

Could the Gospel shine down through the deep dark caverns of their sinful natures? Yes, Jesus the Light, dispels the densest darkness. The Saviour did just that, on our porch.

He revealed Himself to the aged couple. With cries of contrition, they humbled themselves before the Lord. They wept and repented. Then for them the Sacrifice availed, greater than all the blood of goats that are slain in Voodoo ceremonies. From that day, they have lived transformed lives.

Demons inveigle, lure, deceive and destroy. A young man came under the power of a Voodoo devil doctor, who completely dominated him. He slaved for the Voodooist and gradually became a helpless, hopeless, hypnotized wretch, driven by demon powers to engage in all kinds of weird indulgences. He was to practice many abominations against which his inner self revolted.

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precious Name in his room. He tried to say the Name. In the presence of the devil doctor he began to *mentally* ask for help in the Name. The demon-possessed Voodooist instantly detected this, and drove him from the place with curses. The devil doctor was afraid of the Name of Jesus. The young man had not spoken a word about Jesus, but the devil doctor evidently knew the thoughts of his victim and feared the holy Name.

Meanwhile, his Christian mother was praying for her boy who had disappeared about a year before. The young man found his way back to the town where she lived. He was not saved. He was still tormented. He could scarcely speak above a whisper. He was so ragged, dirty, ill-kept and emaciated in body that she did not at first recognize him. But when he shouted the one word, "Mother," she recognized his voice.

What joy as he went home with her! Christian neighbors were summoned. They knew what to do. They had a prayer meeting. With mother helping him he, too, prayed in the Name above all names . . . and found his mother's Saviour. He was saved and completely delivered from the demonic spell that the devil doctor had cast over him.

ZOMBIEISM

What do Haitians mean by "Zombies" . . . and do Zombies really occur?

Many authors and living witnesses profess to have seen half human and half demon persons and they insist that the experiences were not dreams. In recent years the practice of Zombieism has been greatly curtailed by the wise laws of Haiti.

It is a well known fact that a Cult of the Dead has existed here for many generations. The secret practices of this sect includes digging up corpses from one to four days after burial. The bodies are used in all manner of revolting rites. A machete knife rubbed with the brains of a corpse and "blessed" by a devil doctor, is supposed to have magic powers.

Both secular writers and missionaries verify reports of dead bodies being made to rise and walk the earth again. I have never been an eye-witness to such an event, but the subject is not even open to question in areas where Zombieism has existed for generations.

What is the explanation?

The most sensible way to understand this gruesome practice, I believe, is to recognize that demons have power to animate bodies, when human instruments like devil doctors are available, through whom to work.



This picture shows a native Christian Preacher in the act of cutting down a tree . . . at the request of a woman whose deceased father had dedicated it to Satan. Prior to her acceptance of Christ, she testified to being constantly tortured by demon powers. A group of Christians walked fifteen miles each way, over mountain trails for this ceremony.

"And there was an herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they besought him that he would suffer them to enter into them. And he suffered them. Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked. When they that fed them saw what was done, they fled, and went and told it in the city and in the country." Luke 8:32-34.

MIRACLES BY "BOKO" MEN

The Gospel first came to Haiti at Jacmel, on the southern side of the Island. In that city lived the first missionary, a man from Jamaica. He died a few months after his arrival. His valor was not in vain. Jacmel now has several Churches. And in that city Satan has occasionally manifested some spectacular power.

A negro Haitian in Jacmel was very sick. He called for the devil doctor who gave him beans to eat. We have about twenty kinds of beans in Haiti. The kind does not matter, but the incantations were important. The sick man went blind. After two months his sight returned and his sickness disappeared. His skin turned completely white. You can see his picture in books on Haiti.

A bright young Haitian who professed

conversion in one of our meetings has seen many miracles performed by demon power. In a village near his wife's home (I know the place) of Central Haiti, he joined a crowd to watch a Boko (devil doctor) handle a red-hot iron. The Boko made a large and very strong fire, in which he heated an iron rod until it was red-hot. Then he walked into the fire, in his bare feet, and picked up the iron in his teeth.

He carried the glowing iron bar to a large wooden trough filled with native liquor and dropped it with a splash. Fumes rose hissing from the trough and when the bar had cooled the Boko took it out. Then the people began pushing one another to get near the trough. They rubbed the liquor over their bodies as a protection against "being eaten by the devil," which means dying a bad death. "The Boko man received much money," says the man who witnessed the incident.

Near his own home in Southern Haiti this same convert saw a devil doctor do a similar strange feat with a chain, instead of an iron bar. He wrapped the red-hot chain about his neck before dropping it into a trough filled with liquor. Then he walked again into the fire. When his bare feet touched the flames the fire went out . . . "just as though much water had been thrown on the flames."

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A few weeks ago, the funeral of a Voodooist was conducted, on the property adjacent to our mission, in the mountains of Haiti. He had died as the result of an accident.

For two days and two nights a large crowd of Voodooists screamed, drank, gambled — and screamed some more. At the funeral were four Boks and one sorceress, all notorious characters. They claimed that an enemy demon had caused the death, and they were consulting their favorite demons for vengeance and to protect the living relatives.

GOSPEL LIGHT PIERCES THE DARKNESS

My son took colored motion pictures of that funeral. What a scene! The distracted son of the dead man is seen beating his breast, in mourning for his father. The wife wanders about the place in a daze. A young woman faints and drunken relatives come forward to lift her from the ground. Then the Gospel enters the picture. Our evangelist appears with a Bible under his arm, at the request of one of the relatives.

"The power of God unto salvation" is a beautiful name for the Gospel. The contrast became striking at this funeral. The grieving son of the deceased Voodooist ceased beating his breast and listened to the message of the evangelist. He finally said that when the drunkenness would be over, he wished to pray and be saved. His younger sister, also decided to accept the Saviour. "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light."

Voodoo leaders are afraid to disobey instructions from demon sources. A common practice is to bury a piece of metal or utensils in the ground. A missionary lady visited a sorceress who had been in great distress of mind. She had even attended a Church service with a vague hope of being delivered.

The missionary paid her a surprise visit. The sorceress became excited. She came to the door but would not allow the Christian worker to enter. There were fetishes hidden in the home, some buried under the floor, and she was afraid for her own safety as well as that of the visitor. Finally, to avoid being impolite she told the missionary about the fetishes.

Prayerfully, not presumptuously, the follower of Christ, entered the place of curses. The Voodooist was amazed to see that no sudden judgment fell upon the missionary. Each fetish in the home and in the yard was unearthed and destroyed. The sorceress then prayed in the matchless Name of Jesus, was saved, and delivered. She confessed to having killed two small children in the course of her evil practices.

I journeyed north one day on an island road in Haiti. I met a large group of Voodooists, all wobbly drunk. They were carrying a very heavy broken cauldron, such as is used for making country sugar. That is the only time I have seen that kind of Voodoo procession in daylight. They probably were taking this large fetish to a chosen spot to bury it with much noise and incantations.

In contrast to that procession of ragged, drunken worshippers of demons, I see another procession . . .

Through the fields and along trails near one of our Churches comes a long line of clean, neatly dressed converts. They are singing the praises of Jesus as they march. Once they were ragged and drunken, too. But they have found the secret of salvation and know a power within that is greater than the power of evil spirits which once led them.

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THE PRISONERS' SONG

Paul W. Thomas

IN ALL the history of song, is there anything more heartening than the singing of Paul and Silas in the Philippian jail? It was the midnight hour, you remember; these men were prisoners; they had been beaten and their feet were made fast in the stocks. The physical discomfort must have been great and the outlook, from a natural standpoint, was anything but bright.

But "at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them." (Acts 16:25)

How their hearts must have been cheered and comforted by the Holy Spirit! And is this not just what Jesus promised? Did He not say that the Holy Spirit was the Comforter?

Paul and Silas could have stared into the darkness and raised all kinds of questions and yielded to every manner of fear, but the record says that they prayed and sang. The right kind of praying always does something for us and something in us. Praying brought a flood of blessing and the music of the heavenlies simply welled up within them, until it overflowed into the prison.

Conditions were deplorable, but Paul and Silas did not waste any time or energy simply deploring them. They were able to introduce some new factors into the problem and release powerful forces — a sort of atomic bomb of light and glory!

That midnight praying and singing proved to be but the prelude to a heaven-sent earthquake that changed many things. Their song service opened an evangelistic campaign in the jailer's quarters that resulted in souls at the altar and some old-fashioned fruits of repentance.

It is a mistake to spend time deploring conditions either in the world, the Church or our lives. The old-time religion was provided for adverse circumstances, deplorable conditions and dark hours.

Where ever men and women go who have this great salvation they introduce new and powerful elements that lift and save others, and they, themselves, are delivered.

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CREATIVE POWER Of The BIBLE

MANY people have been inspired by the famous painting to which the artist gave the name, "The Entrance Of Thy Word Giveth Light." It sets forth with great skill the purifying and uplifting influence which the Bible wields upon personal character.

The picture shows the interior of a humble, poverty-stricken home. A young man is lying on a bed in the corner of a room. There are indications that he has been a youth of right impulses. He evidently started life with a noble purpose. But now his face is marred with deep lines of sin. It is early morning after a night of debauchery and dissipation.

His aged mother is shown sitting beside the bed. Tears are glistening down her wrinkled cheek. She is holding the family Bible in her lap. With a drawn, crooked finger she laboriously traces words of counsel from the book of truth.

She loves her boy. Her heart is breaking. Now at last, he seems willing to listen. The artist has managed to suggest the dawn of a new hope on his countenance. The frailty of human nature is clearly evident in the scene. But the transforming element of divine grace is likewise portrayed.

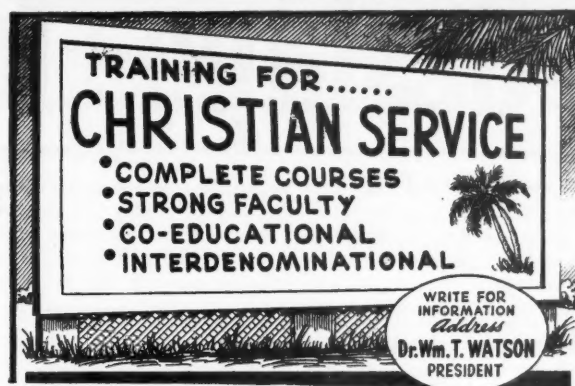
The young man realizes his weakness. He lacks ability to cope with the temptations of life. The expression on his face reflects the necessity of help from above human levels. There has come into his penitent soul a revelation of divine power. The scene is one of hope from the hopeless because of the presence of the Bible.

The picture is true to life. The artist gave it the right title, "The Entrance Of Thy Word Giveth Light." This experience has been substantially repeated in millions of human lives.

The Bible is always contemporaneous. Its message reaches beyond the times to which originally directed. Its truths are as valuable today as when first recorded.

—Gerald B. Winrod.

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Gestapo Methods

MMUCH of the effort being put forth these days against Communism is wasted, for the reason that it does not go deep enough to touch the underneath side of the red movement.

Speeches by prominent leaders produce commendable surface reactions, but America will not be safe until the *Red Underworld* is destroyed.

The term "Red Underworld" is here used to describe a colossal spider web, woven by the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith — a spy network of *under cover*, interlocking organizations created to smear, blackmail, intimidate, browbeat and otherwise persecute persons in public life who oppose atheistic Communism or political Zionism.

These professional falsifiers and character assassins have been able to create an utterly false impression of many well known religious and patriotic leaders. No name, organization, Church or office of public trust is beyond the reach of the Gestapo. Its spies are everywhere, organized like the secret police of Soviet Russia. United States Senators and Representatives have been driven from public life.

The Browders, the Fosters, the Eislers and the Wallaces could have never developed their present strength, had the Gestapo not operated faithfully in their behalf, beating down opposition.

AN EXAMPLE OF METHODS USED

The editor of The Defender Magazine has consistently defended the American system of democratic government, against the encroachments of Communism and related ideologies, for more than a quarter of a century. His attitude has always been that an evil cannot be corrected without eradicating its cause.

He has therefore probed beneath the surface and exposed the hidden base from which the red conspiracy operates. His

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efforts to arouse America excited the aversion of the conspirators and caused him to be marked for destruction by the Gestapo. The B'nai B'rith threw the full force of the organization into action against him.

Starting in 1936 he began to be smeared on a nation-wide scale by every conceivable falsehood. The Wichita branch of the Anti-Defamation League was given an assignment to wipe him out. The Levand brothers, Jewish owners of the "Wichita Beacon," were delegated to spearhead the attack.

But in mapping their plans, they overlooked the most important thing of all — namely, the power and potency of PRAYER.

Space is available to discuss just one phase of the attack as related to the situation in Wichita:

The local Jewish community, which includes a large number of advertisers, gave orders that nothing favorable to Dr. Winrod was to be said or published by radio and press. The decree further provided that he was to be denied access to local radio channels and newspaper columns.

Consequently the "Beacon" has kept up a running fire against him for eleven years . . . and during this time he has not been able to reply once.

He has tried six different times to buy advertising space in the city's other newspaper, the "Wichita Eagle" . . . and has been told by officials on each occasion, that they do not dare grant him access to their columns for fear of Jewish reprisals. He has encountered the same situation with each of the four local radio stations. (See John 19:38.)

Perhaps Dr. Winrod will be pardoned if he views with skepticism, the cry of the Jewish organizations of the United States for "civil rights."

DEROUNIAN, AN INTERNATIONAL SPY

One of the most sinister segments of the Gestapo, is the so-called "Friends of Democracy," a red outfit directed by L. M. Birkhead — but controlled by the Anti-Defamation League.

Birkhead is surrounded by Communists and faithfully follows the Moscow line. Like Walter Winchell, he has of late seen the handwriting on the wall and started publishing mild criticisms of certain communist leaders. But he continues to serve his Soviet masters, by trying to beat down the real opponents of Communism in the United States.

Avedis Derounian, alias John Carlson, who edited his war-time book "Under Cover," out of old issues of the "Communist Daily Worker," is a flunky for Birkhead and the Anti-Defamation League. He has admitted these connections under oath from the witness stand.

The Gestapo followed the Communist Party line as laid down by Lenin when they published "Under Cover" and had Winchell to plug it into a best seller over the radio. Lenin instructed his followers to always accuse others of the crimes, of which they themselves are guilty.

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Defender readers who realize the seriousness of permitting this un-American Gestapo to exist in the United States, will be interested in the following report, dated June 11, 1948, from a top-level investigator at Washington. He says:

"I have just received information from a highly reliable source that Avedis Boghos Derounian has been in Enland, to the continent and is now either in, or en route, to the Middle East where he has instructions with high personages in the spheres where Jews and Arabs are face to face. He should be stopped."

"I am informed that he is traveling as Charles L. Morey, of 6925 S. Princeton Avenue, Chicago; that he is traveling as export manager for the Homestead Farm Appliances, of St. John, Indiana. Homestead does not reply to inquiries about 'Morey.'

"As Morey, I am told he has a letterhead organization (street number and zone typed in) whose officers are: Charles L. Morey, Chairman; Lee Marion Knopff, President; Dwight John Burkhe, Vice President; Matthew C. Ackolm, Treasurer and Joseph X. Sheill, Secretary.

"With a war looming, I cannot see any good being done by such a person in the very midst of the areas where the struggle is to have its Sarajevo. I am informed he is talking with important personages by appointments arranged en route. The matter should be investigated and steps taken to rescind his passport and under the Logan Act, 1789, discover just what can be done if the man is indeed talking as a private individual with foreign potentates, as the Act provides."

The following telegram was dispatched to Homestead Farm Appliances . . . St John, Indiana, June 28, 1948. . .

"It is reported to us the notorious Derounian, alias Carlson, alias Decker, alias Eibers, alias Thompson, alias Crandall, alias Paige, alias Akhassian, alias Brady, alias Patricia Oconnell, alias Mrs. Downes, is traveling as a representative of your company under alias Charles L. Morey. The purpose of this telegram is to give you an opportunity to confirm or deny this report. Wire collect if you like.

"Defender Magazine

"Gerald B. Winrod, editor

No answer to this message has been received.

Gestapo Unmasked

Many people do not know that an under cover spy ring exists in the United States for beating down opposition to Communism. They need to read the books listed below. Help circulate these titles in quantities.

THE ANTI DEFAMATION LEAGUE AND THE WORLD COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE

by Major Robert H. Williams 35c

The Author, a U. S. Army Reserve Intelligence officer, gives a true picture of the secret police operating for the destruction of the Christian civilization. A book for those who are willing to face facts.

THE SMEAR TERROR

by John T. Flynn 25c

This nationally known writer documents his exposure telling how "private gestapos, formed to terrorize citizens," sent out "secret agents to spy in men's homes and offices." Their purpose is to silence persons who dare resist Communism.

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Proves that carpet baggers are invading the South again — this time as Communist conspirators operating from behind carefully chosen fronts. These enemies are trying to create trouble for the Negro population and divide America.

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WITH LOTIONS OF LOVE

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PERSECUTED PREACHERS

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by Dr. Harvey H. Springer 25c

A revealing portrayal of the Federal Council of Churches. Discusses termites — false doctrines, destructive agencies and heretical teachings. Opposes men and organizations guilty of desecrating American pulpits with red propaganda.

SOVIETIZING THE STATE THROUGH THE CHURCH

by Dr. Gerald B. Winrod 15c

Explains technique used by Communists for infiltrating pulpits and Church organizations. The red menace cannot exist in a truly Christian climate. The Church therefore needs to be spiritually strong.

THE INCREASING PERIL

by Dr. Wilbur M. Smith 75c

The infiltration of atheistic doctrines threatens America, a sinister trend originating with planned sources. Exposes efforts of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) to promote atheism as a religion.

GUILTY, CONDEMNED DEROUNIAN

by Jeremiah Stokes 25c

The Author is a well known attorney. This book is stirring multitudes out of their lethargy. Contains information about "Americans We Can Do Without." The records of Birkhead, Winchell, Stout, Pearson, Maloney, Rogge and Carlson (real name Derounian) and others are given.

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FOREIGN MISSIONS

THE Missionary Department of the Defenders of the Christian Faith, has more than a quarter of a century of constructive work to its credit. The impact of the effort is being registered, to the glory of God and the uplift of humanity, in many parts of the world.

Five of the fields are in Spanish-speaking areas—namely Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Cuba, Mexico and the Spanish section of New York City. A mission station, including a school and several outposts, is maintained in Liberia, West Africa. There are two Defender centers in Europe . . . Greece and Switzerland. The organization is also supporting Jewish evangelism in the United States.

European Relief Work

At the close of the last war, it became the consensus of opinion among both Ministers and Laymen of the Defenders' Movement, that something should be done to succor suffering Christians of war-torn Europe. Dr. Louis R. Patmont, a man of many years experience in European missionary work, was chosen to direct the task.

He made a trip to Europe, contacted Christian leaders in twelve different countries, and established evangelistic and missionary relief headquarters in Switzerland. Many tons of food, clothing, medicines and other necessities of life have been distributed from that center.

Defender workers are finding it possible to comply with only a fraction of the requests received from week to week. Many pitiful pleas have to be ignored in the absence of material necessities at relief headquarters.

The following letter from a Christian wife and mother in the British Zone of Germany, is typical of many that are being currently received. Like thousands of others, she fled westward, when Russian hordes swept in upon them from the east . . .

"Dear Doctor Winrod:

"We have heard what your organization is doing for those who starve, and I am writing to see if you can help us.

Please Notice

The Defender missionary ministry depends solely upon freewill offerings, sent to Wichita Headquarters by readers of The Defender Magazine. Financial support for the European missionary relief work . . . and construction of the new Seminary building in Puerto Rico, is desired especially at this time.

"Through the great war, we Christian people of eastern Germany lost our homes. After the invasion we have been completely robbed of everything. The Communists left us nothing. All of our furniture, clothing, linen, bedding, cattle, feed, land, are gone.

"Then we were deported from our beloved homeland without anything. We arrived in the British Zone of Germany and were put into a refugee camp. We need everything now, where we are located, especially clothes. We need stockings, coats, dresses, yarn and darning thread. The clothes that we still have are completely worn out, and cannot be replaced, because there is nothing here.

"We have no friends or relatives in America, but we hear about your work, and I ask you fervently to help us. Pray for us. While the Communists took our earthly possessions, they could not touch our hearts, from which we worship God and plead for His mercy. I greet you in the Name of Christ."

Note: Defender evangelistic, missionary relief work is supported solely by contributions from Christian friends, who

feel impressed to share their material blessing with less fortunate brethren abroad. Free-will offerings, together with boxes of clothing and mending materials may be sent to: *Defenders, Inc., Missionary Department . . . Wichita, Kansas.*

Preaching in the Dominican Republic

This interesting little Country, deep in the tropics of the West Indies, is said to have been Christopher Columbus' favorite place in the new world.

Although rich in Spanish history, tradition and romance, it has been sadly neglected as a mission field. Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Smester, talented and energetic missionaries, lead the Defenders' missionary program there. The work was organized a year ago last month.

Since then, under the magnetic and Spirit-anointed preaching of Mr. Smester, a constant stream of souls have yielded themselves to Christ. Fourteen worship centers have been established. Other Gospel outposts are being organized in the interior. Native Christian workers are being trained for the evangelization of their own people.

Pioneering in the West Indies

A pioneer has been described as "A pathfinder with a passion." The missionary pioneer is a Christian emboldened by the Holy Spirit, heart filled with compassion, motivated by a spirit of holy daring. He faces the unknown future in faith. He invades uncharted areas for Christ.

Things, heretofore regarded as impossible, are being accomplished in Puerto Rico.

A strong native Church has been established, made up of native Christian congregations in all parts of the Island. Large quantities of Gospel literature in the Spanish language are being circulated. A Theological Seminary has been organized, offering training for Puer-



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During his school years, he did a limited amount of pastoral work at a Defender Church in the interior. His heart was burdened for the "regions beyond." He had a vision of lost souls, in the center of the Island's rugged mountainous section. He is a pioneer!

He went to the town located in the exact center of Puerto Rico—Orocovis, which is a good-sized community. Day by day he tramped the streets, visited in the huts, homes and hovels of the people . . . held meetings in the plazas and on the streets, winning souls to Christ. Night after night he preached the Word of God from home to home, and out under the open canopy of heaven. He is slowly but surely gathering about himself a group of new converts.

A few days ago, came the report from our Spanish Superintendent that, "Jose Santiago won 40 souls to Christ in Orocovis last week." The reward of a pioneer!

But the report added, "He badly needs money to carry on." Jose has had no financial support from any source. Offerings sent to Wichita Headquarters, designated for Jose Santiago and the pioneer work at Orocovis, will be forwarded to him by air mail.

A Pressing Need

The most serious problem that the Missionary Department currently faces, has to do with the Seminary building project now in progress, on the Puerto Rican field.

This edifice serves a dual purpose. It provides a necessary place of worship for the Defender Church of Rio Piedras . . . together with class rooms and assembly hall for the Defenders Theological Seminary. Rio Piedras is located directly adjacent to the Capital city of San Juan.

The Board of Trustees and Faculty of the Seminary have found it necessary to enlarge the single story building by adding a second floor, at a cost of \$25,000. This addition is now under construction. The drawing below, shows how the building will look when finished.

As this issue of the Defender goes to press, there remains \$12,000 of the above amount to be raised. A few contributions in the higher brackets of \$500 and \$1,000 are urgently needed.

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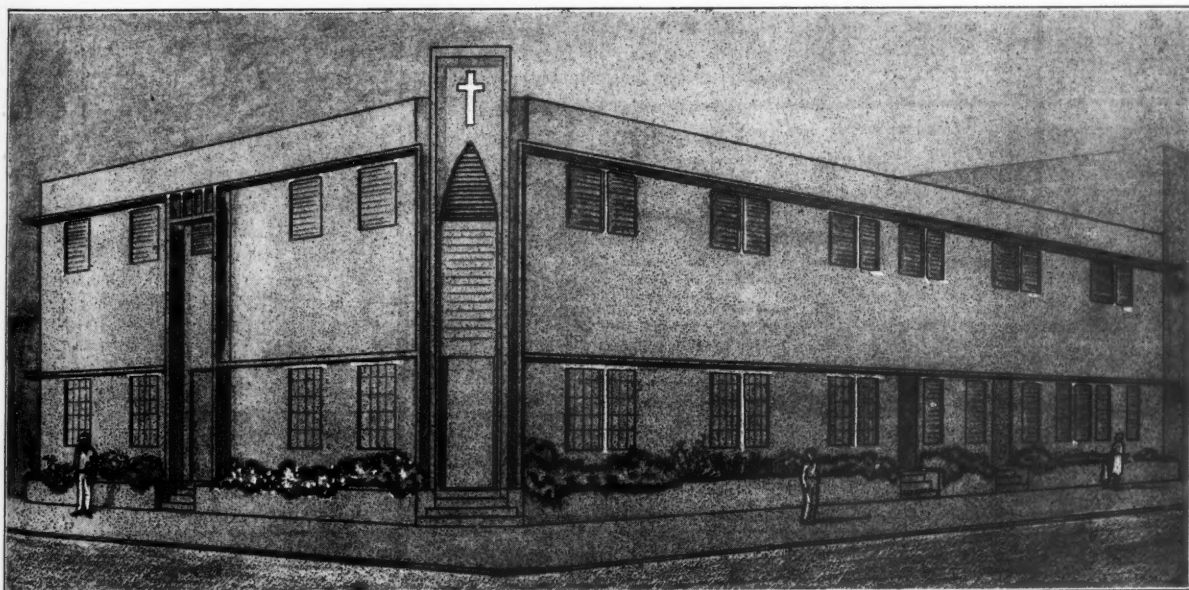
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This book rejects the theory that the Sermon on the Mount is "too idealistic" for the present age. It sets forth the view that when the principles of the Gospel are faithfully applied, the ideals enunciated by our Lord in the famous discourse will

automatically find expression in human lives.

Dr. Ohrn underscores the moral accountability of the Christian who is saved by grace. Admitting that the Sermon on the Mount may have special application to a future Kingdom age, yet it imposes certain obligations and offers advantages to believers here and now.

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Lesson Number 1

July 18, 1948

WHEN FAITH CONQUERS

Book of Ruth

GOLDEN TEXT: "Thy people I shall be my people, and thy God my God." Ruth 1:16.

(1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "STEDFASTLY."

Today's Lesson narrates the experiences of Ruth and Naomi — one of the most beautiful stories in Scripture. Its transparency and utter simplicity stamps the narrative as genuine. The events took place during the rule of the Judges.

Even in those dark days, there were pious and gentle people, who cherished tender family relationships amidst war, strife and abominations of idolatry.

There had been a famine in the area of Bethlehem. Naomi journeyed to Moab. There her husband and two sons died. The sons had married Moabite women, Ruth and Orpah. Naomi resolved to return to her own country. Ruth and Orpah accompanied her to the border.

Three times, Naomi entreated the young women to return to their homes, for their own good. Orpah reluctantly turned back. But Ruth answered with beautiful and earnest words: "Entreat me not to leave thee . . . for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God."

This scene at the border illustrates the place in experience where the professed Christian sacrifices everything for Christ, reserving nothing. The record says that Ruth was "stedfastly minded." This should be the attitude of the believer.

(2) THE KEY VERSE IS RUTH 1:16.

"Thy people shall be my people and thy God my God."

This really represents a choice of Jehovah, and not merely the desire to stand with Naomi. The one true God was to be her God. Like Ruth, we should cast our lot with saintly people, who com-

prise the redeemed Church of God. The people of Moab worshipped idols. We should likewise give up our idols of selfishness and worldiness for Christ.

(3) THE KEY FACT IS THAT SINCE DECISIONS ARE ALWAYS REWARDED.

There are four chapters in the book of Ruth, which fall into the following classifications: I Ruth deciding, II Ruth serving, III Ruth resting, and IV Ruth rewarded.

While gleanings in the fields of Bethlehem, Ruth attracted the attention of Boaz and they were married. This placed her in the royal line running from Eden to the Manger. She became an ancestress of the Lord Jesus Christ. Her son Obed was the father of Jesse and a grandfather of David. She was rewarded for her steadfast decision. Had she turned back at the border, none of the later blessings would have been enjoyed.

Lesson Number 2

July 25, 1948

JONATHAN, LOYAL FRIEND

I Samuel 18:1-4; 19:1-6

GOLDEN TEXT: "A friend loveth at all times." Proverbs 17:17.

(1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "COVENANT."

Seldom in sacred or secular history has there been a friendship as loyal as that which existed between Jonathan and David. Seeing that they were rivals for the throne — Jonathan as son of Saul, and David by prophetic anointing, they might have become the bitterest enemies.

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The two men had much in common. Both were generous, unselfish and courageous. Both were daring and chivalrous. Both loved their nation with unstinted devotion. Both walked humbly before God.

Jonathan came from the priestly tribe of Levi. When a young man he served, for a time, as a priest. He therefore had utmost respect for David's anointing.

Jonathan disregarded his own interests. One of the marks of genuine friendship is self-abnegation. Only the purest affection can admit of love for a rival, whose success means one's own defeat. There was no jealousy between them. Jealousy is a "green-eyed monster" that has destroyed many a friendship.

It was to David's advantage to cultivate Jonathan. But Jonathan had nothing to gain, humanly speaking, by cultivating David. From their first meeting when the "covenant" was established until the end, Jonathan "loved him as his own soul."

Perhaps he had received in his heart, a spark from the nature of the pre-existent One Who said, centuries later: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

(2) THE KEY VERSE IS I SAMUEL 18:1.

"And it came to pass that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul."

The friendship of David and Jonathan was founded, in the last analysis, upon the character of the two men — which character was the result of their deep mutual faith in God.

This should be the criterion for our choice of earthly friends. There is little basis for true friendship between the Christ-rejector and the Christian. We need to exercise care that our affections, which so tremendously affect our actions, are allowed to take root only in that which is upright and holy.

(3) THE KEY FACT IS THAT DEEP HUMAN AND SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIPS INVOLVE SELF-RENUNCIATION.

The friendship about which we are studying, began on the day that David

returned from his victory over Goliath. "Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul." The pact was ratified by Jonathan giving David his mantle, sword, girdle and bow.

Jonathan interceded many times at the royal court, on behalf of his friend. Once, when pleading before Saul, the King tried to kill him with a javelin.

The last meeting of the two friends was a rendezvous in the forest of Ziph. Saul was then pursuing David. They renewed their covenant and parted to meet no more. This was a momentous political decision. Jonathan was heir to the throne of the kingdom. But it belonged to David by divine commission. Jonathan persistently renounced his claims so that God's will could be done.

We hear no more of the good man until the battle of Gilboa, when, with his father and two brothers, he was slain by the Philistines.

Lesson Number 3

August 1, 1948

BARUCH, THE SCRIBE

Jeremiah, Chapter 36

GOLDEN TEXT: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalms 119: 105.

(1) THE KEY WORD OF TODAY'S LESSON IS "WROTE."

An occupant of the prophetic office frequently finds himself in grave danger. This was true of Jeremiah. It would have been a violation of both his conscience and the will of God, to have prophesied "pleasant things," in view of what he knew to be approaching. A true prophet will always tell the truth, and this sometimes gets him into serious trouble.

Jehoiakim, the King of Judah, seems to have had all the vices of oriental rulers. He was covetous, tyrannical and cruel. He continued to lavish the nation's wealth

upon a great palace of cedar, painted in vermillion, at the very time when his throne was tottering.

Jeremiah dared to lift his voice against evil practices which were prevalent throughout the nation. He knew that only a revival could rebuild the strength of the people.

As usually happens, the prophet was accused of creating a disturbance. In the eyes of the dissipated populace, he was "bigoted," "intolerant" and guilty of "sedition." He was called a traitor for prophesying the fall of his country.

They even put him out of Church! Because his preachments were unpopular, Jeremiah was denied access to the house of the Lord. In order to reach the people, it became necessary to dictate his messages to Baruch, a scribe, for public reading.

Baruch read one particular collection of the sacred writings to the King's counselors. They were profoundly moved and decided to bring the information to the attention of the monarch. Jeremiah, of course, dictated his messages under inspiration.

The King was a Modernist! He did exactly what the liberals and higher critics are doing today. He cut out of Jeremiah's writings, the portions that seemed to him objectionable. "He cut it with a penknife, and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth."

In like manner, the Modernists of our day, have only a mutilated Bible.

(2) THE KEY VERSE IS JEREMIAH 36:32.

"Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe . . . who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire: and there were added besides unto them many like words."

Jehoiakim's attempt to destroy the inspired Word of God was not an event

unique in history. Men have often tried to retard the advance of Scriptural truth in the world, but in the long run, every effort has failed. The Bible is an anvil, upon which many enemies have hammered out their failures.

(3) THE KEY FACT IS THAT THE WORD OF GOD CANNOT BE DESTROYED.

Jehoiakim thought that cutting the inspired parchment to bits and burning it, would end his worries . . . but Baruch records that another document, even more weighty in judgment, was dictated. In this, let all Modernists be admonished. The inspired Word of God has survived every attack. It will stand when all of man's works lie mouldering in the dust of time.

Lesson Number 4

August 8, 1948

EBED-MELECH, THE ETHIOPIAN

Jeremiah 38 & 39

GOLDEN TEXT: "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men." Galatians 6:10.

(1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "AFRAID."

The lesson before us finds Judah rapidly approaching the end of her existence as a nation. King Zedekiah is under the control of a clique of Jews who insist upon carrying the nation to destruction. Jeremiah tries to stop them and gets himself into trouble.

Had Zedekiah been strong enough to resist their pressure, his people would have been spared the fate against which the prophet warned. "And Zedekiah the king said unto Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Jews."

Jeremiah was persecuted for being loyal to the prophetic office. The nation was apostatizing. There is but one remedy for apostasy . . . and that is judgment. The prophet's efforts to arrest the forces of disintegration resulted in failure.

Baal worship was sweeping the kingdom. Altars to heathen deities were erected. Groves for licentious practices were common. Mass immorality was weakening the people. Religious leaders

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had lost their message. Politics was corrupt. Only a revival offered hope. This was the prophet's secret. He tried to call a halt but Zedekiah was helpless to inaugurate the necessary reforms.

The Jews brought false charges against Jeremiah, accusing him of sedition.

This is exactly the charge that Jewish organizations of the United States, brought against a group of innocent people, in the Sedition Case during the last war. The real reason for the arrests, was the fact that most of the victims had protested Jewish control of the White House under Franklin Roosevelt. There is an analogy between this proceeding and the treatment accorded Jeremiah. The Jews accused him of weakening "the hands of the men of war."

He was lowered into a dungeon. The record says his body "sunk in the mire." He was rescued by an Ethiopian. Thereupon, Zedekiah ordered the prophet to the palace. Meanwhile, the Jews had made a secret deal with Egypt. This provoked Babylon to attack from the opposite direction. The siege was indescribably terrible. But we read that, "Jeremiah was there when Jerusalem was taken."

(2) THE KEY VERSE IS JEREMIAH 38:12.

"And Ebed-melech the Ethiopian said unto Jeremiah, Put now these old cast clouts and rotten rags under thine armholes under the cords."

Jeremiah would have died in the dungeon had the Ethiopian not come to his rescue. God cares for His own. In this case He provided a human helper. Ebed-melech was a servant from Zedekiah's court. Though a slave, Ebed-melech was far more a free man than Zedekiah, bound by slavish fear to the whims of a military clique. But Zedekiah was man enough, at least, to listen to his slave . . . and since the princes were not at the moment standing over him, he plucked up courage and ordered the prophet's release.

The cistern in which Jeremiah found himself was evidently deep. The cast clouts and old rags would save him from being injured, when dragged up the steep and rocky sides of the pit. Tenderly, the cold and famished prophet was lifted out of the place where his enemies had ex-

pected him to die. The slave's sympathy is touching in the extreme.

(3) THE KEY FACT IS THAT GOOD WORKS SHOULD BE PERFORMED IN THE SPIRIT OF KINDNESS.

We might say of Ebed-melech: "He was a brave man," or "He was a just man," but how much better it is to be able to say of him: "He was a kind man."

Kindness is an enduring quality of human character. Nothing more openly displays Christian conduct, than to be known as a kind person . . . and certainly no Christian would care to be called an unkind person. Doubtless all mean to be kind, but kindness takes time and effort. Kindness costs him who would be kind! It means, "The extra smile and the other mile."



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If a man wants to live on beans and stale bread, wear old clothes and sleep in a shack, I guess one day a week will get him by. But let's not stop the man from working who wants a lot of nice things that can be had only by working for them.

I suppose I'm what the world calls a busy man. I've never taken time out to learn golf; I have no time for fishing, billiards, reading fiction, going to movies, teas, luncheons. I couldn't tell you how Orphan Annie, Superman, Blondie, Jack

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Frankly, the raptures of the copy-writers over retirement plans and insurance annuities leave me cold. Give the other fellow the fishing line and hand me a tough mechanical problem, a 2H drawing pencil, some paper and a board, and let me build a bigger, more powerful, faster machine. Then I like to tell out the Gospel of Jesus Christ, because it has more power than the biggest machine and because I want to hear my Lord say, "Well done." And keeping busy helps to keep me out of mischief.

But I realize we are not all alike. Some people definitely like leisure. I'd suggest that all such go in for it well-heeled, because leisure without the wherewithal can be plenty dull. And the way to make more to enjoy leisure more is to work harder.

To me killing time is not true leisure; it is appalling murder. The right way to kill time is to work it to death. We ought to budget our time as carefully as we budget our money. The Psalmist prayed, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." And the apostle counseled the Ephesians to be "redeeming [buying up, ransoming] the time, because the days are evil."



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